



## Sister cities help each other out

**T**he “Oysters and Pearls” event at the Cabrillo Arts Pavilion raised over \$24,000 to send to Santa Barbara’s oldest sister city, Toba, Japan, where the recent tsunami caused \$24 million in damages to the oyster beds

and nori seaweed farms along Toba’s coast.

The Santa Barbara-Toba Sister City Organization, sponsors of the event, thanks the restaurants that donated all of the food. Robert Yates, owner of Opal (who a week before donated the total proceeds from one night to Northern Japan), and Fukiko, owner of Studo Nihon catering, oversaw and served all of the buffet dinner for more than 200 guests. Adam White, owner of the Santa Barbara Fish House and Boat House, set up an oyster bar. Desserts were donated by the Wine Cask and Jeannine’s Bakery.

Hors d’oeuvres were donated by Arch Rock Fish Company, Kobachi Restaurant, Laura Lyle Catering, Our Daily Bread, Pasucci Restaurant, Pure Joy Catering, and Sushi Teri. Wine and beer were donated by Bradford Wine Group and Telegraph Brewing Company.

This outpouring of generosity was a response, in part, to the citizens of Toba who donated \$16,000 to Santa Barbara in 1990 during the Painted Cave Fire. The money was used to plant trees in Tucker’s Grove and behind Alpha School. Our sister city relationship of 45 years has created many relationships between the citi-

zens of our cities. Both cities have hosted many tour visits, and for 20 years, we’ve exchanged student ambassadors each summer.

We are truly a family.

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“Oysters and Pearls”

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